City Finances. We have the satisfaction of publishing something definite from the committee appointed at a meeting of citizens to investigate the accounts of the Treasurer and Collector, brought about by exposures of THE JOURNAL. We desire in the behalf of our citizens to thank Messrs. VANBOKKE-LEN and Bunting, who have labored faithfully and diligently in this matter, and have doubtless by these exposures saved

thousands of dollars to the city. And we have just one word to say to that class of our people who not only gave found fault with the course of this paper in regard to them. Always looking out for the main chance; always timid, fearing something worse might turn up, they supby deprecating the exposures which we set on foot. Those men who were willing to curry favor with the prosperous official will be loudest in their denunciations of the convicted thief. We have no sympathies in common with men who fear to do right because they may come in clash with those in power. We believe the exposures we have made and the support we received from good citizens has resulted in the selection of an honest man by the Republithousands of dollars to Wilmington.

It will be seen that the committee report that while they have been unable to investigate all the pilferings from the City Treasury, they find that the Treasurer and Collector has not accounted for \$3,843 17, which is itemized in the report. We infer from the report that if the sources of receipts, such as City Hall rent, pound fees, would be considerably increased.

This report exhibits another fact which reflects more upon the Mayor and Board of Aldermen than upon the Treasurer. It dollars, when in fact he received a salary of three thousand four hundred and eightymore than the Committee reports he has little sum of seven thousand three hundred and forty-three dollars during the last year.

We have no desire to make war upon this insignificant official, and would not much to be desired at any time that all the have done so had it not become necessary to protect the property citizens. We were after higher in the spoils, and we are sorry, even in his assured guilt, that detection has fallen alone upon him. He must, however, bear the consequences. If he has ever borne a good character he has lost it. He must necessarily retire from the office he now holds a disgraced man. If the Mayor and Board of Aldermen fail to remove him. which we will not for a moment believe, the Grand Jury cannot refuse to act. Mr. Durfee has committed a crime and he must become responsible to the laws which he has outraged.

One word to the Board of Aldermen : It Mayor Martin is to be successful in the reforms which he has inaugurated, he must have a competent Treasurer, and one above suspicion. Whatever be his color or politics, he must be honest and capable. Our financial condition is such that we cannot afford to have our means squandered by incompetent men, or stolen by official of Wilmington will become as worthless as that of North Carolina, and from the same

Failure of Radicalism.

The present condition of North Caro- with the enthusiasm and spirit which perlina is a most striking illustration of the vades this happy and well pleased people failure of Radicalism and Radical recon- . . oh happy day ! fortunate people! struction. North Carolina had not suf- Such was the promise. How has it been refered as much materially as many of the deemed? Our columns, day after day, have other Southern States by the war. To be told too faithfully. We have no heart to sure Sherman left a barren track in the gloat over the misfortunes of our poor old State. The depredations of the Federal hold the party responsible for our ruin to limited to small sections of the country. approaching when the voters of North Car-Our soldiers who had followed the fortunes olina will sit in judgment upon the acts of the Confederate flag from Bethel to of those who have so terribly abused their propositions were referred to their decis- partisan judges. ion, they were proudly and scornfully re

in full accord, and all were Radical of the ate, for those thus assemble? straitest sect." There was never a more unfit for the company of 1 ... ire- pecuniary loss causes great distress.

usher in new North Carolina. No men or party ever made fairer promises. Many true North Carolinians had caught the infection and had given their aid to help the benefits of it.

from Orange, in a late speech in the Senate, quotes from the addresses of leading Radicals upon the inauguration of the new Government, which we transcribe to show with what self-emulation and independence these men discarded all advice and assistance from others and declared their intention and power to build anew the prosperity of the State by means of their Constitution, their party and their spirit of no countenance to these investigations but progress. In the address delivered by the Governor in inaugurating Radical Government in North Carolina he said, "This Constitution, fellow-citizens, must be administered by its friends and supporters. The posed they might obtain substantial favors people have so decided. The interests it guards are too precious to be committed to any extent to unfriendly hands. Every office and every employment under the State, from the most inferior to the most exalted, must be filled by the friends of reconstruction and of the new State constitution. So far as the Executive is concerned this purpose will be inflexibly maintained, not only from a sense of propriety and justice, but as indispensable to a full and fair trial of the principles contained cans of the city, and has saved tens of in the constitution. These principles are dear to the friends of liberty and of the Government of the United States; and no opportunity should be afforded to those who are opposed to them to occupy official positions or to have employment in which they would be tempted, as they certainly are disposed, to pervert, distort or misapmust conduct the Government in all its &c., could be investigated, this amount departments." Judge Reade on the same occasion spoke as follows: "Fellow citizens, there are three departments of your Judicial. The legislative is reprewas supposed that the Treasurer and Col- sented by the large body of intellector received a salary of fifteen hundred ligent gentlemen who are scated in your midst. They will speak to you in wholesome legislation. The Executive is seven dollars. If he has not stolen any represented by Gov. Holden. He has just spoken his inaugural. The Judicial is received and helped himself to the snug represented by the learned Judges who sit near me. Will you heara word from them? They do not speak in the interest of party but the interest of the government. It is departments of the government should be in accord. It is indispensable that they should be so now, &c." On the same We believe others have shared occasion the Lieu'. Governor said, "Friends, fellow citizens, North Carolini ans, Americans; you have to day been edified, instructed and delighted by eloquent addresses from the Executive and Judicial Departments of North Carolina. The hearts of all true patriots have been cheered up and made to rejoice with "joy unspeakable" by the utterances which have fallen from the lips of the distinguished representatives of those co-ordinate branches of our State government. It is deemed meet and proper that the Legis lative department shall not be silent on this interesting occasion. Desiring, my friends, not to mar the harmony and beauty of what has been said with so much fitness by the eloquent gentlemen who have preceded me, I shall content myself by simply notifying this vast concourse of patriotic citzens that the Legislative department of North Carolina is in full accord with the other branches of the State thieves. If this be continued, the credit government; that it approves and endorses every word uttered and every sentiment conceived in behalf of the constitution and laws of our common country, and I feel fully warranted in declaring that the General Assembly of North Carolina is filled

> his army, but fortunately he State. We refer to them more in sorrow only a limited portion of the than in arger. The people feel it and will Eastern North Carolina were a fearful accountability. The day is fast

North Carolina at a time when peace -but her true and faithful sons must stand

future. Jonathan Worth, a venerable, tards who are dragging her to destruction. citizen of Marin, lost his life in his humane the not very lucid statement of the dishonest and wise statesman, a true North There are some things so coolly impu- exertions to rescue a lady from the flames. Carolinian, a high-toned, honorable gen- dent that we are compelled to notice them Believing that a female was asleep in the of the practice in this, if he opposes the no proofs, and is well calculated to excite tleman, was Governor of the State. Our in a more pleasant vein than they deserve, upper story of one of the influence of the central gov- surprise that the people of Wilmington Judiciary were learned and incorruptible and the call by Holden & Co., published fire, he rushed up the stairs to save her .lawyers, on General Assembly were sen- in the Standard of the 26th, is of this char- In reaching the third story he found that sible, honest men, who were faithful to acter. Here are men who for two years the lady was not there; then attempting to the State, loyal citizens of the United have been plundering the coffers of the return he found escape impossible from the chief, or to treat it as a thing exter. We are aware of the difficulties with States, whose aim and purpose was the State, tyrannizing over the people, and the smoke and flames which rendered the nal to himself, the fact is deeply significant which the road has had to contend, but welfare of North Carolina. Our county bringing dishonor upon the State, and whole stairway impassible. Rushing to a and local matters, where not interfered with sinking themselves to the lowest depth of window, he was seen by the crowd below by the military, were managed by citizens infamy, calling upon "good" citizens to who cried out to him to jamp to the longer and more thoroughly than the circumstances equally as unfavorable, interested in the good government of our join them in Convention! Some beings ground, and he in return begged them to towns and counties. To suit the necessi- who have profited by the rascalities of the interpose something to break the violence ties of the Radical party a change was past, and some who dream of pelf for of his fall. Just at that moment a keg of ordered. Mr. Holden was elected Gov- the future, will doubtless respond to the powder in the lower floor of the building, of his imprisonment and of his exile, the cities of Chicago and St. Louis, not to ernor by nearly twenty thousand majority; invitation. The State will have a good occupied as a store, exploded and shivered relations between him and the France of mention others, which have gone on conthe Indiciary was filled, with one excep- opportunity to count a large number of the he whole structure, and the unfortunate his studies were very like the relations be- structure road, perhaps in a tion, by Radicals. The Legislature was prominent planderers and expectant vam- man was lost in the burning ruins. The Radical by more than a two-thirds ma- pires who would continue in the road of next morning only his bones were found explained its functions; he showed how amongst the grandest cities of the world. jority. Three fourths of the counties and ruin and disgrace, when that Convention among the smouldering embers where the beautifully nature in infinite wisdom had We do not suppose the grand and comtowns elected Radical officials. All de- shall meet. How may the good citizens of house had been. This sad event has natpartments of the State government were the State know with whom we'the associ. urally cast a gloom over the whole com-

"happy family" than when these officials | damp for the vitality of the blood. Moralithe whole commonwealth.

So often has the question of amnesty been put to Congress that we would regard it as useless did we not see almost daily articles in the leading journals of the North urging upon the national legislators the justice of putting all citizens upon in equality. Nothing that we say will influence such creatures as Butler, but we may reach the ears of honest men and patriots, though they be few in our national councils. The Government, by its arbitrary acts, has proven that the cry of "fearing the rebels ' has no foundation. Will the Government recommend, for the sake of humiliating us, or exercising unnecessary and therefore cruel tyranny, the longer disfranchisement of brave, and honest, and true men? Will Congress, for fear of having carpet-baggers and dishonest scalawags, and it may be ignorant blacks, substituted in its midst for honorable and of the rights of freemen and to impose savs: degrading restrictions upon those whom If we did not bleed at the close of the warhad not poured out rivers of blood for what ply them. The friends of the Government we believed right-although the axe or good crop the next season without the use among us, is it forgotten that we have may be thought to be. An illustration of suffered a degradation to which death government, Legislative, Executive and Has justice been robbed? Has authority perience, and whose grounds have been been cheated of any of its prerogatives? always a perfect model of productiveness, Has not even bitter malignity, in many through his grounds; thinking his land be regarded with as little suspicion when but on each side sowed guano at the rate propriations pass the House, more than citizen of African origin and the miserable creature who has ever been false to every had been used sold off readily at will not be without abundant fruit. Radizens. We call upon our representatives country, to exert every faculty they possess to have a general law passed by which this petty and contemptible "peddling in late those citizens who are again free. We acres of probably \$2,000 for the season. shall not, however, look for a cringing to power or its representatives from those who have only received their right .port it with life is honorable, when statute law is not violated. "Taxation without

> well-deserved infamy. FIRE AT SMITHVILLE. - We learn that the of Mr. John Swain, the Sheriff of Bruns wick, situated a short distance outside of and a yoke of exen perished in the flames. osed to have been the work of an incendiary. One of the horses succeeded in his stantly. The incendiaries merit severe punishment.

Appoint House had done so confidence and betrayed the trusts reposed extensive confidence of the imperial dynasty. finds this for his ergo to all his wishy-washy with credit to themselves and the State. in their safe keeping. Failure is written S. C., on the W. & M. R. R. late Monday ult., that the government proposed to show your readers how the good cause of the land? When I read Mr. Froelich's let-They returned home to recuperate their upon every officer and every department night, or early yesterday morning, which abandon the system of placing in the field Conservatism is going on up in the mounter and every department night, or early yesterday morning, which abandon the system of placing in the field Conservatism is going on up in the mounter and every department night, or early yesterday morning, which lost fortunes and were true to the obligation of our government. Our prosperity has destroyed some eight or ten houses and and supporting official candidates for the tains, which some radicals call the ne plus sons and daughters of our already afflicted tions which devolved upon them by the been sacrificed by the incompetency and stores, occupying an entire square. The Chamber, he was met by a storm of disresult of the war. Whatever of submis- wickedness of our officials-our credit has fire originated in the store of a Mr. Clark, sion, aye, of humiliation the General Gov- been destroyed by placing our bonds in and soon spread itself with fearful rapidity political antagonists. The "right," on ernment required of them, they acquiesced the hands of spendthrifts, gamblers and to the surrounding buildings. The Court which he leaned for support, was composed in without protest, except that which fur- thieves-our laws reflect the prejudices of House near by caught several times from mainly of men who owed their positions wilmington, Charlotte and Rutherford rowed their brows and barned their hearts ignorant and worthless legislators—our juwith remorse. Whenever dishonorable disjoint hearts ignorant and worthless legislators—our juthe flames, but was extinguished through dates, and refused to sustain the minister, with remorse. Whenever dishonorable diciary has been disgraced by drunken and the exertions of the citizens. The fire is whilst the deputies of the "left" declared supposed to have been the work of an in- they must support the minister because Such is the fate to which Radicalism has cendiary, and has laid almost desolate the they were pledged to electoral freedom, brought North Carolina in less than two little town of Marion, destroying the prin-Under the manipulations of Congress years. The people will soon have an op- cipal business portion and causing a loss of M. Olivier, but, according to the latest the 18th instant headed "Wilmington's and by force of the military the chosen portunity to redeem their State before all of about \$40,000. This was covered by telegraphic dispatches, the Emperor

servants of Radicalism were placed over is gone. There is life in the old land yet insurance to the amount of about \$25,000. declares that harmony exists between and order reigned throughout the State by their mother in this crisis. North Car- with a sad occurrence during the progress every honest Frenchman. This, it would Charlotte and Rutherford Railroad than and our citizens looked hopefully to the olina can and will be saved from the das- of the fire by which Mr. I. Iserman, an old seem, if we are correct in our reading of all her other works of internal improve-

met together at the seat of government to ty would perish in such an atmosphere, like having been introduced in the Senate by present that it appears to require the uthave been unavailable had they taken a most vigilance of the skillful appears to require the uthave been unavailable had they taken a the fragrant flowers of the Indies on the Dr. Murphy on Monday, is intended, we frozen plains of Siberia. The good citi- learn, to do away with the upjust exaction semblance of life, to keep from being run it would have remained a mere village still. zens of North Carolina will no longer be now in existance requiring every barrel of over by its first awkward essays at loco- while the other would doubtless have exled and deceived by such mounteb nks. rosin to be weighed here. The amendforward the revolution or hoped to reap No longer will their liberty, their lives, ment proposes to make it optional with and their honor be entrusted to such keep- the buyer and seller as to whether the Mr. GRAHAM, the able young Senator ing. The voice of the good citizens in Au- rosin shall be weighed, and if it should not gust will unseat most of them from the be weighed then no fee can be exacted positions they have occupied, and if jus- for weighing as is now allowed. This is ture on Hownslow Heath. He has attemptice can reach those who merit it, she will the new footing on which the amendment consign to the cells of felons many who proposes to place the matter—a footing like men, has managed to bring that maghave brought such wide spread ruin upon more just towards the manufacturers and nificent Commonwealth to the verge of purchasers of rosin-in short, a regulation | rain. which requires the payment of fees only when work is performed.

> STRANGE FREAK OF NATURE-AN EGG WITHIN AN Egg. - One of the most singular evidences of nature's freaks was shown us about a great revulsion of sentiment in by Mr. Francis M. James last evening. It North Carolina. was no less than an egg within an egg. This egg was laid Tuesday by a hen belonging to Mr. James and presented nothing singular in external appearance. His wife having occasion to use it yesterday, broke it and emptied the contents into a bowl, when lo, a smaller one about the size Democrats, gave those malignants conof a partridge egg was disclosed to view, perfect in shape and a real, existing curiosity. This is a little ahead of anything we have yet heard, and our own senses that the Democratic minority is responsibear witness of its truth.

Manuring Market Gardens.

that it is hopeless to grow good crops able gentlemen, and wise and incorruptible without a yearly application of manure in statesmen, continue to deprive these latter large quantities. Henderson's Gardening

"It is a grave blunder to attempt to plundered .- Norfolk Virginian. we know to be most worthy of every trust ? grow vegetable crops without the use of manure of the various kinds. I never yet saw soils of any hind that had borne a crop of vegetables that would produce as the halter was not visited upon the noblest of manure, no matter how rich the soil this came under my observation last season. One of my meighbor, a would have been in many cases prefferable? market gardener of twenty year. exhad it in prospect to run a sixty feet street instances, been satiated? The faithful sufficiently rich to carry through a crop of ervant of years past, proven true to every cabbages without manure, he thought it trust, faithful to every pledge, may surely useless to waste money by using guano on The people feel entirely "down in the he now assumes responsibilities, or when of twelve hundred pounds per acre, and one merchant in this region will suffer. he is granted privileges, as the new fledged planted the whole with early cabbages .- While we deplore this condition of things principle of virtue and true to nothing but twelve dollars per hundred, or about calism is virtually dead. I will let a friendindividual self and the craven heart which one thousand four hundred dollars ly letter speak. seeks shelter behind power to oppress per acre, both price and crop being more and make his acquaintance, tell him that when it knows there can be no resistance. that average, out the portion from when it knows there can be no resistance. the guano had been withheld hardly aver. Forsythe, giving the most encouraging achave been restored the full rights of citi- my friend actually lost over \$1,000 in crop, dead and buried throughout these counwas, as his experience should have taught will frighten Holden into the condition of him, a crop of inferior quality in every Nebuchadonsor when 'he went to grass, pardons" will be done away. We congratu- article grown, and his loss on his eight

The French Political Situation

According to the detailed narratives of the emeute in Paris, February 7th, as they Honest conviction is no crime, and to sup- are given by the Paris correspondents the London journals lately received, it was a much more miserable fiasco than appeared from the account by telegraph .representation is tyranny." How long are The barricades were no longer the serious we to be taxed and not represented? - obstruction they were in former times. Baron Hausemann's remodeling of the Will the present Congress die, and upon its streets of Paris has rendered the old-fashtomb be inscribed injustice, oppression, ioned barricade an impossibility. Nor cowardice and malignity? Should it be were the men who defended them of the on every thing decent and honorable in so, Congress will be the author of its own same class known to former generations .- the State. They made her credit lower the most childish description, and the de- every law, public and private, and on infenders of them ran away whenever the dividual right. They have decried the police and civic guards came up. It ap- Conservatism of the country, and called it stable and barn attached to the premises pears, indeed, that those who once threw the league with treason, with knaveup barricades, the mechanics and work ry and the devil. They now say the limits of Smithville, were consumed are no more intelligent and gallant people Conservatives that have been canned in all by fire Monday night last. Two horses in the world than the French of these iniquity, and at last have bursttheir sides classes, and, barridades or no barricades, after selling their State and countrymen A buggy, carts, wagons and a quantity of shoose to go down into the streets again choose to go down into the streets again was cursed with bad government, with corpeanuts were also consumed. The fire it will be no child's play. But all rupt public servants, it is North Carolina. occurred in the dead of night, and is sup- the correspondents agree that the followers of Rochefort and Flourens in name of a strictly Conservative paper reagonizing struggles in getting out of the a monomaniac. There is another sugges- the State that mention made of his fine burning stable and jumping over a fence, tive fact. The Bourse was wonderfully nervous ability as a writer, would be subut only to die from his injuries almost in. firm under all the perturbations. The perfluous. He has already had very great attention. Hitherto the Olivier ministry three hundred and seventy-five bona fid has been sustained by the majority of the subscribers. A thing, a paper here, and Extensive Conflagration in Marion- Chambers. That ministry is liberal, con- edited by as fair a representative of a But aside from all pleasantry, do the advoservative, and it is engaged in an experi- hearthstone carpet-bagger as can be found cates of extensive grape growing and wine A Man Loses his Life in the Flames. -An ment for free government in France, and among the revilers of their native State, But when Olivier announced, on the 24th straw chooped logic-Democrat! This will approval from his own party friends, and we are going to send them in earnest the the only approval he received was from his next election—the ne plus ultra of infamy. the "right" have also assailed the position But this loss is as nothing cempared himself and his ministry, and as he believes, they have the sympathy of ment." patches, that the Emperor is ahead of the age in his own country, as he certainly is ernment to candidates for legislative po- have been so long indifferent and careless sitions. If the Emperor is really determined no longer to stand solitary and apart from the great nation of which he is them.

THE ROSIN BILL amendment reported as be giving such evidences of vitality at in getting aid from sources that would has so successfully galvanized it into the places named neglected this great interest motion.—Baltimore Sun. A New "Dodge."

Holden is a man of genius: true his genius is that of Jonathan Wild, and his audacity is equal to enything but an advented the role of dictator in North Carolina, and in company with Littlefield and such

The exactions of the dominant party and the Loyal League, of which he is the head, have been equal to those of the Court under Louis XIV; and as the license of that age produced its reaction, so the rule of Holden and his creatures promises to bring

Holden sees this. Nothing could show this more plainly than the following paragraph, taken from his paper, the Standard. To the Citizens of Wilmington, N. C .: That journal says: "We repudiate the Legislature as a body,

for its acts have been evil. "We repudiate those false and up worthy Republicans, who by uniting with the trol of the Legislature.

Now, with the consummate art for which he has always been notorious, he repudiates the Legislature, and charges ble for the condition of affairs in the State. In other words, he has sucked the orange and now throws the skin at his honest All successful market gardeners agree enemies. This is worthy the artful dodger, but no one will be deceived by it, and Holden and "the hands" will be held responsible for the present condition of the not been accounted for, as follows : once opulent and magnificent Common-

OUR ASHEVILLE LETTER.

Winter in the Mountains. The Ratiroadz. Radicatism Dead -. Great Political Change in the West_New Conservative Paper,

Asheville, N. C., Feb. 23d, 1870. Dear Journal:-Roads again very bad, Mails irregular. Extremely cold. Plenty of snow. Bitter cold Northern blasts. Ice sufficient to satisfy every one. A good been unable to arrive at any figures as to what stock of it is being housed for the Sum-

The railroad news is not yet cheering. that portion on which the street was to be, mouth." If the bill stopping further ap-The effect was the most remarkable I and especially anything that will retard ever saw; the portion on which the guano | the working on the roads, yet the lesson than average; but the portion from which | you have received a letter from a friend in

by withholding \$60 for manure. Another ties, and there are no mourners-not even | Salary \$1,500 neighbor with a lease only one year to run, a hedge-priest left to preach the funeral. Collected from the city for Court costs in Congress, as a duty they owe to their also concluded that it would be foolish to Only let the Southwestern counties do as waste manure on his last crop, and so well as we will do, and such a shout will planted and sowed all without; the result go up next August from the mountains as The people of all previous shades of opinion absolutely execrate him and the

abominable set of scoundrels whom he has fastened upon the State.' This is very platn and palpable talk from counties that have hitherto been talked of as the very nest of radical doctrine. It is laughable to read the late radical papers, all trying to make themselves Conserva tive. They have cut the poor mans throat. They have rifled his pockets. They have dogs, which killing was done by a colored man or unlawful act committed, and who re squandered all. Now they come back and in the pay of the city, and \$75 for registering ceived the same ween over his abused careass. Pat his cold dogs, which registering was the duty of the Clerk In fact, the barricades are described as of than bankruptey. They have trampled ingmen, are now having plenty of employ- that they are the Conservatives. No ment on the side of law and order. There doubt they are. They are those kind of The "North Carolina Citizen" is the Paris is a mere rabble, and that while the cently established here. The editor, Capt. if I did not know my friend Froelich to be investigation, and if the Senator from latter is a man of courage, be is evidently Shotwell, is so well known to the press of late events, however, in the French Cham- success in the subscription list. Before article immediately after coming out of the had the necessary information of a subbers would seem to be more deserving of his third paper was out, his book showed

Railroad.

MONROE, UNION COUNTY, N. C., February 23d, 1870. Messrs. Editors :- I read with a good deal of interest an article in your issue of Material Interests," in which is the following remark: "Wilmington's future is more bound up with the fate of the Wilmington,

on a subject of such vital importance to

of the growing progress and power of liberal ideas and sentiments in France.— which the road has had to contend, but we think that the same energy and zeal No one has studied the French people which other cities have exhibited under astute and wary old gentleman who has would have resulted in the completion of hitherto kept his seat so successfully in the imperial saddle. One of the bitterest enemies has said "that during the periods ago. Look, for example, at the great tween an anatomist and a corpse. He les- spirit of rivalry, until from mere villages tured upon it; he dissected its fibres; he but a few years ago, they now rank

and how, without the fostering care of cities was effected without outside aid, marca and Tolimo. these same Bonapartes, the creature was but do suppose, indeed know, that their as munity of Marion, and coupled with the doomed to degenerate, and to perish out citizens took the lead, that by their zeal, cents a pound, which certainly is not dear The House of Representatives transmitof the world." The "creature" seems to energy and liberality, they were successful meat.

celled even its present magnificence. We intended to say something about the vast importance to Wilmington of the earof its local interests as connected with to the "danger of delay" in reference to a Printer had done it, to wit: rival road now chartered from Georgetown, S. C., via Lancaster, &c., to Charlotte, but have concluded to see how this may be received before venturing any further remarks on a subject so full of interest, not only to Wilmington but to our entire State.

Yours respectfully, A WORKING MAN.

CITY FINANCES.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF CITIZENS.

The undersigned in behalf of the Committee appointed at a meeting of citizens some time since to examine and report upon the finances of the city, beg leave to make the following report of their labors to present time, which extends only to the collection of taxes and other revenues of the city for a period of twelve months, e mmencing 12th January, 1869, and ending 11th day gular duties prevented our giving full attent on been doing work twenty-five per cent. having been made at an earlier date.

We find that various amounts have been paid into the office of Treasurer and Collector under ful, deliberately perpetrated falsehood the different heads as stated below, which have Merchants and License Tax......\$1,054 85

14 44 44 1869 A Market Rents Taxes on Performances...... Sale of Old Engines.... Errors in addition

The receipte of rents of City Hall and of Pound | not know what statement you did make ses have been kept in such manner that we have as it was not stated in the proceedings of is the condition of those items of revenue. We have been informed by two parties that they have paid a larger amount for rent of City Hall ties obtaining the information from us to than is credited, and it is well known that the building has been frequently occupied and only eight occasions are accounted for. The amount | dard's misrepresentations, and address of Pound fees credited is much less than citizens you this note, simply to assure you of the have reported, but as few receipts were given falsity of the Standard's assertion in order and those not taken care of we could not arrive that you may, if you think proper, expose at the facts-our rule having been to reject all the contemptible meanness of the editor. items that we could not substantiate beyond and the utter unreliability of his printedoubt - and to which of the city officers belonged assertions. the duty of collecting these two items of revenue

ments only as far as relates to the various received your's of this morning; making We have received a list of names of gentle- aged three dollars per hundred. The street counts regarding political affairs in all amounts paid the Tressurer and Collector and inquiry as to the correctness of your state men from this part of the State to whom occupied fully an acre of ground, so that North Western counties. Radicalism is also the hierstal and find that the former has ment made to the Senate. In answer, we

in cases where hands worked out their fines on the streets........ 1,192 05 ash received in other Court cases 794 95

The present Marshal has received salary at the rate of \$1,500 per annum from 1st January, ful means used, to procure the passage, 1809. He entered on the duties of the office 21st enrollment, or engrossing of the bill to be January, 1869, up to which date Mr. Woodford, entitled an act amendatory of the act to former incumbent, did duty as Marshal and collineorporate the Western North Carolina lected \$116 66, showing that the present incum- Railroad Company, ratified the 15th of bent collected for time which he was not in ser- | February, 1855, and of all nets amendatory vice of the city \$116 66. He has also received, in thereof; ratified the 19th day of April addition to his salary, of \$1,500, \$233 for killing | 1869; and if so, by whom the same paid

which said indebtedness was created.

A. H. VANBORKELEN, S. R. BUNTING.

For the Journal. Mr. Froelich's Latter,

Messrs. Editors :- In the Weekly Journal of February 18th, appears a very inter-Louis Froelich, Esq., giving a glowing description of the "fruit and grape growing ed by them at all the committee already business of Eastern North Carolina," and appointed was fully competent to make the a gentleman of sober and exemplary christian habits, I should suppose from his extensive "sampling" that he penned his wine cellars of Columbus county, such is stantial character to justify it, and as he the inspiring strain in which he writes .making ever stop to consider the misery voting in the affirmative are and crime they are going to bring upon country are to become the victims of drunkenness and crime by the use of this vast quantity of wine which is soon to be thrown upon the market? Will not an increase of wine cause an Whereas, A recent report of the Public

increase of intemperance? I think it will. Treasurer mentions the fact that a large drink something, and therefore it is better therefore, to drink wine than whiskey," is in my opinion a poor excuse for flooding the land with a beverage more pleasant to the taste. and therefore more likely to make drunkards than whiskey. If a man is to be poi- the following points, to wit: soned, it matters but little whether you give him arsenic or stricknine, the object has been invested in special tax bonds. will be accomplished in either case. So with the poor drunkard. It makes no dif-This is a fact so evident as to require ference whether his first glass was wine or said tonds was said investment made. corn whiskey. Go on with your wine bus- 4th. From what person or persons were iness. Enter the house of God upon the said bonds purchased. Sabbath day, look solemn and read pray- 5th. What was the date of the purchase ers, then through the week make your- or purchases. selves busy in the work of manufacturing wine with which to make drunkards, but chased 'know that for all this God will bring you into judgment." Hell enlarges its borders, a vast harvest of poor drunkards is to be made from the millions of gallons of wine soon to be sent from the wine presses of Eastern North Carolina.

> To say that a general use of wine will promote temperance, is about as sensible as to say that a general practice of idleness will bring prosperity and happiness. these resolutions to the Governor immedi-W. M. KENNEDY.

Magnolia, N. C.

adapted it to the service of the Bonapartes, piete system of roads connected with those now established in the States of Cundina- to condemn the policy of making said in-

From the Raleigh Fentinel. PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATURE

> SENATE. FRIDAY, Feb. 25, 1870.

PRIVILEGE QUESTION. Mr Welker arose to a question of privilege and read the following correspon ly completion of this road by its connec- dence, to corroborate his statement on the tions with the great North West and also floor of the Senate, that the Committee on Printing were baving the work done at this and adjacent counties, and to allude least 25 per cent. cheaper than the State

RALEIGH, Feb. 25, 1870. Messrs. Nichols & Gorman:

GENTLEMEN: - I understood Mr. Nichols of your firm to say that you had a sub-con tract for printing from the Standard office at 25 per cent. below the contract of the State Printer. I further understood him to say that you would do the printing of the Senate, temporarily, at the price you were working at under the sub-contract. and so said in the Senate when asked .-Was I correct? Answer at once. Please return this note or a copy, with your an-Yours truly,

G. WM. WELKER.

RALEIGH, Feb. 25, 1870.

Rev. G. Wm. Welker, Senator from Guilford:

DEAR SIE:-We notice in the Standard of this morning an article which says :

"Messrs Nichols & Gorman deny having of Japuary, 1870. The nature of the examination any connection with Mr. Welker, and furwas such as to require much time, and our re- ther state that his assertion that they had to same, which is the cause of this report not cheaper than done by the Public Printer was untrue."

> The entire paragraph is a barefaced, wilfrom beginning to end. The assertion it made the day previous that you were "with" us in business required no denial. The editor of the Standard did send a mes senger to us on Tuesday last, to enquire of us the price we were charging the State for printing, with a view, so the messenger stated, of assailing you. We gave the 190 00 messenger a verbal answer that we did 281 85 not think it was any of his (Pike's) busi-85 00 ness; that we did not intend to be a party 75 49 in assailing you, and that therefore, he 213 25 must obtain his information elsewhere. We have never denied the statement you made to the Sepate, and in fact, we do either paper. We are, however, ready to inform those having authority to require the information, the terms agreed upon by

make an assault on other parties. We care nothing ourselves for the Stan

Very respectfully yours, &c.

P. S.-Since writing this note, we have say, you were correct. Yours, &c.

NICHOLS & GORMAN. By Mr. Welker: Resolution to appoint Committee of investigation, to wit: Resolved, That the President of the Senate appoint a Committee of three Sena tors with full power to inquire into and report whether any money, bonds, or other things of value was paid, or other unlaw

Resolved further. That the committee shall have power to send for persons and papers and examine witnesses on oath, and if need be to take testimony by commis-

tion by striking out "Senate Committee of three' and inserting"the committee of investigation composed of Messrs. Phillips. Bragg and Scott.

Messrs. Welker, Love and Robbins spoke in opposition to this amendment, and arged the adoption of the resolution im mediately, and in its original form.

Mr. Davis urged the adoption of the amendment. He was opposed to smelling committees any how, and could not see any necessity for increasing them. He Guilford had anything to communicate he could go before that committee.

Mr. Welker said he never should have made a move in this direction unless he had done so he hoped the Senate would allow him the mode he had suggested to carry out his object.

The amendment was voted down. Those Messrs. Brogden, Colgrove, Cook, Dais, Hayes, Harrington, Jones of Colum-

bus, Legg and Respass-9. The resolution was adopted, and the chair designated Messrs. Welker, Love and Winstead as the committee.

By Mr. Robbins: Resolution asking the Sovernor for information concerning the investment of the literary fund in special tax bonds, to wit:

The exploded argument "that men will part of the literary fund has been invested in special tax bonds of North Carolina. Resolved by the Senate, That the Gov-

ernor as ex officio President of the Board of Education is hereby respectfully requested to furnish this body at the earliest possible moment with information upon

1st. What amount of the literary fund 2d. Under what authority and by whose

order was said investment made. 3d. In which particular class or kind of

6th. At what price were said bonds pur

7th. Have said bonds been paid for.

8th. What moneys were used in making said purchase of bonds.

9th. What were the entire terms, circumstances and objects of this transaction of investing the literary fund in said special tax bonds. Resolved further, That the Secretary of

the Senate transmit a certified copy of ately upon their passage. Mr. Sweet said he did not see the neces-

sity or propriety of passing the resolution, Indigo. - The cultivation of indigo has inasmuch as the information sought to be recently received increased attention in obtained he thought was embodied in the Colombia, South America, and over two annual report of the Treasurer. He suphundred manufactories of this dye stuff are posed the purpose of the resolution was vestment. He himself thought it was a Venison in Misscuri is quoted at four wise and judicious investment.

ted a message from Gov. Holden, enclosing